CHAPTER 411

(Senate Bill 941)

AN ACT concerning

Minority Businesses - Purchases

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from willfully falsifying, concealing, or covering up or making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations concerning Minority Business Enterprise matters administered by-the-Department-of-Transportation; providing for certain subpoena powers and certain procedures; and generally relating to purchases from minority businesses by the Department of Transportation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement Section 11-148 Annotated Code of Maryland (1985 Volume and 1986 Supplement) (As enacted by Chapter 840 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

11-148.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Designated Department" means the University of Maryland, the Departments of General Services and Transportation, the Maryland Food Authority, the Maryland Stadium Authority, or the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction, or, for procurements specified under Title 3, Subtitle 4 of this article, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning.
- (3) "Minority business enterprise" means any legal entity, other than a joint venture, organized to engage in commercial transactions which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority individuals, or a nonprofit entity organized to promote the interests of the physically or mentally disabled.
- (4) "Minority individual" means a member of a socially or economically disadvantaged minority group, which for